

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5282

To provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 2010

Mr. BARROW introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The Army Corps of Engineers and other
6 Federal agencies are required to preserve and cata-
7 logue artifacts and other items of national historical

1 significance that are uncovered during the course of
2 their work.

3 (2) Uncatalogued artifacts within the care of
4 Federal agencies are stored in hundreds of reposi-
5 tories and museums across the country.

6 (3) In October of 2009, the Army Corps of En-
7 gineers, Center of Expertise for Curation and Man-
8 agement of Archeological Collections, used
9 \$3,500,000 in temporary funds from the American
10 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to begin the
11 Veterans' Curation Program to employ and train
12 Iraq and Afghanistan veterans in archaeological
13 processing.

14 (4) The Veterans' Curation Program employs
15 veterans and members of the Armed Forces in the
16 sorting, cleaning, and cataloguing of artifacts man-
17 aged by the Army Corps of Engineers.

18 (5) Employees of the Veterans' Curation Pro-
19 gram gain valuable work skills, including computer
20 database management, records management, photo-
21 graphic and scanning techniques, computer software
22 proficiency, vocabulary and writing skills, and inter-
23 personal communication skills, as well as knowledge
24 and training in archaeology and history.

1 (6) Experience in archaeological curation
 2 gained through the Veterans' Curation Program is
 3 valuable training and experience for the museum,
 4 forensics, administrative, records management, and
 5 other fields.

6 (7) Veterans' Curation Program participants
 7 may assist the Army Corps of Engineers to develop
 8 a more efficient and comprehensive collections man-
 9 agement program and also may provide the work-
 10 force to meet the records management needs at
 11 other agencies and departments, including the De-
 12 partment of Veterans Affairs.

13 **SEC. 2. TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT FOR VETERANS AND**
 14 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES IN**
 15 **CURATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION.**

16 (a) TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT.—The Chief of the
 17 Army Corps of Engineers shall develop a Veterans'
 18 Curation Program to hire veterans and members of the
 19 Armed Forces to assist the Corps with its curation and
 20 historic preservation activities.

21 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—Begin-
 22 ning in fiscal year 2010, there is authorized to be appro-
 23 priated to carry out this Act \$10,000,000 for each fiscal
 24 year.

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